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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 21st March, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the Subjoined Resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 28th February, 1898, will be submitted for Confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by eliminating therefrom the word "February" and substituting therefor the word "March".

That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words "or Extra Reserve Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words "and Extra Reserve Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in the seventh line of the said Article.

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words "and subject to the provisions of Articles 121A and 121B" immediately after the word "sum" and before the word "be" in the fourth line of such Article.

That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121, and be numbered Articles 121A and 121B.

121A.—Although the Reserve Fund may amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the Directors may nevertheless, at their discretion from time to time appropriate a portion of the net income and profits earned by the Company in any one year to the formation of an additional Reserve Fund, to be called "Extra Reserve Fund."

121B.—The monies standing at the Credit of the Extra Reserve Fund may be applicable for the equalization of dividends, and such monies, or some portion thereof, may, whenever the Directors shall think fit be appropriated towards the equalization of dividends.

By Order,

JAS. B. GOUGHTRIE,
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GREAT FIRE AT CANTON.

ONE HUNDRED HOUSES
DESTROYED.(Special Telegram to the 'Chinese Mail')
CANTON, February 27.

On Saturday, about five p.m., fire broke out in Ching Lok Street, outside the Taiping Gate. Almost the whole of the houses in the street were gutted. The fire extended to Cheung Lok, Hing Loong and the eastern side of the 17th Avenue. Over one hundred houses were destroyed. No loss of life reported.

Our Chinese contemporary (*Wah-Tse-Yat Po*) has received some particulars of the conflagration. The fire originated in the cookhouse of a joss-paper shop in China Lok Street, a piece of live fuelwood falling on a heap of paper while the shop-people were partaking of their afternoon meal. The fire spread very quickly, and as most of the shops in the neighbourhood are made of paper or fire-cracked earth, nothing adjacent fire could do nothing to check the progress. In the other streets, some valuable property was destroyed. The number of houses burned down does not reach 100, but is therefore. The same locality was devastated by fire a few years ago. The mandarin of the district sent out soldiers; therefore, there were few cases of robbery.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:

On the 27th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has risen in the North, and is little changed in the South. Pressure is high over Japan and gradients are increasing on the China coast. Forecast—frequent strong E. winds; showery.

On the 28th at 11.35 a.m. The barometer has fallen quickly on the E. coast of China, and remains almost steady in the South. A low pressure area seems to be moving Eastwards between the E. coast of China and Japan. Gradient slight, except in the North. Forecast—moderate N. winds; dull, some rain.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-ninth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held in the offices of the General Managers, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving presided. Among those present were—Hon. J. C. P. Chater, Messrs A. J. Raymond, D. D. Lewis, A. Ross, F. Maillard, (Consulting Committee), G. T. Voitch (Secretary), J. H. Cox, G. C. Anderson, Henry Humphreys, Ho Tung, A. Fleet, R. A. Green, K. M. K. Ross, T. Arnold, V. J. H. Dean, W. Parlane, J. R. Michael, R. C. Wilcox, Ho Fook, B. Byrne, D. D. O'Keefe, A. G. Morris, Lo Cheung Shiu, J. M. G. Porein, K. A. Chinoy, and J. M. S. Alves.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I presume you will require us in the report and accounts being taken as read. At our last annual meeting, it was with much pleasure I congratulated shareholders on the satisfactory statement of accounts then presented. To-day, it is with a feeling of equal pleasure I am enabled to inform before you what is a more satisfactory account; in fact, it is the best presented by the Company for several years past. It enables us to propose the payment of a bonus to contributing shareholders, at an amount of 84.60 per share, that is to say, 82.50 as against 82.40 last year, and also the strengthening of our Reserve Fund. We have adhered to the maximum amount allowable under our Articles of Association. Now, as regards the position of the 1897 account. As you are all doubtless aware, last year was marked by the occurrence of severe configurations, and we, like all other offices, have had to bear our proportion of heavier losses than usual, in consequence of which the balance at credit of the account is somewhat less than for 1896. You will observe the net profits income shows an appreciable increase. Our losses, unfortunately are considerably greater, being \$26,618, against \$21,688 in 1896. Since the account was made up, I regret having to state the occurrence of further losses to the extent of \$33,000, the larger portion of which was incurred in Manila, where a most disastrous fire recently occurred. Some short time ago, we fortunately reduced our risks in the particular locality of the Manila fire, otherwise our loss would have been much heavier. The various tariffs I referred to at our last meeting continue to work satisfactorily, although in Yokohama dissatisfaction at the rates there established has taken the shape of a proposal to start a new Fire Insurance Company. Our experience of fire underwriting in Japan, especially of late years, has not been satisfactory. Keen competition brought rates down to a point at which it was impossible to work at a profit, and to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs the various offices combined for the purpose of forming an equitable alliance. This did not, but appears a portion of the insurance public think this was fixed too high. I trust the report of our 1897 risks will run off without more than the average losses, and that our next meeting, if not able to present such a report as to-day, still I hope it will be a satisfactory one. Before proposing the adoption and passing of the accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may have to ask relating thereto.

No questions were asked and the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Mr T. Arnold seconded.

Agreed. Mr H. Humphreys moved that the appointment of Mr A. J. Raymond, as a member of the Consulting Committee be confirmed, and that Messrs Chater, Ross, Maillard and Raymond be re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Mr J. H. Cox seconded.

Agreed. Mr Ho Tung moved, and Mr Byrne seconded the re-election of the auditors, Messrs Fullerton Henderson and W. Huntington Potts.

Agreed. The Chairman—The Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. Thank you for coming here.

On the 16th inst., the Total of Ningpo, accompanied by the British Consul and the Committee one of Customs, paid a visit to the Fleet at Chusan. The Chinese gunboat, *Cheoy*, conveyed the party to and from Ningpo.

The P. and T. Fleet states that the Emperor of China has been ordering a large number of books in his own handwriting from the Book Store of the American Bible Society. He has taken over 400 copies of 75 different books.—A magnificent palace has been built at Tongmen for the Empress Dowager, and two Mandarin cars. It is reported that Her Majesty will make her first visit to Ningpo.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
LONDON, 26th February, 1895.

THE INQUIRY INTO THE LOSS OF THE U. S. S. MAINE.

EXCITEMENT ON THE NEW YORK BOURSE.
Something approaching a panic has occurred on the New York Bourse, owing to the prevalence of strong rumours to the enquiry into the loss of the U. S. S. Maine proved that the explosion was not accidental.

GERALD BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN AFRICA.

Lord Salisbury, speaking in the House of Lords, said that Mr. Hanbury had since informed Sir Edmund Monson positively that no French force had entered Sokoto.

RUSSIA IN CHINA.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Carson read a note from Count Miravetich, declaring his Directors' Report and Statement of the Company's Accounts for the past year having been in your hands for about three weeks.

I have no doubt you will consent to take this on record. You will have noticed with great pleasure, I am sure, the extremely favourable outcome of the year 1894, which owing to exceptionally small losses resulted in a profit of \$250,936.45. The claims according to the year's business amounted to no more than 14.15 per cent of the net premiums received, being the lowest ratio the Company has known for many years and one the like of which may not recur for many years to come. The Directors have been enabled out of this large profit to make up the Reserve Fund to One Million Dollars, thus accomplishing the aspirations of the original Directors of your Company twenty-eight years ago. This, I am sure, will feel to be a most gratifying event; and no notable achievement in the history of our company can compare with it. But, gentlemen, it is not the opinion of the Directors that we have reached finality. The sphere of our operations is continually enlarging, and as we gradually progress our horizon is always expanding. The conditions of trade, too, are ever changing, and in these days, much more than in the early days of the Company, to remain stationary is to be left hopelessly in the rear. Therefore the Board feel strongly that though a Reserve Fund of a Million Dollars may have seemed all-sufficient to the founders of the China Fire it would be unwise for more than one reason at the present day to draw a line at that or any other point, and say "beyond this we will not go." In this matter I know by the approval with which similar remarks from my predecessors in this chair have been received that shareholders are entirely of the same opinion as the Board, and therefore nothing further need be said until the Extraordinary Meeting to follow the close of this. After this appropriation of \$13,150 to the Reserve Fund, and a sum (which you will observe is diminishing) which will pay for the expenses of the Committee, we will be sufficient to carry to shareholders a dividend of 8 per cent on the year's earnings, and to turn out a superior class of stock at lower cost than was formerly possible. And I may tell you that the improvement in machine tools during the last twenty years has been great that enterprising engineers now discard their old tools—although not worn out—to make room for the latest and best; and this policy we would recommend should be gradually followed, as we are convinced it is only by so doing we can hope to continue to earn good dividends. You will also approve of our taking advantage of the good year to write more than usual from both plant and property account. The cost of labour, material, and working expenses is much less in proportion to the gross earnings than was the case in 1896. This is particularly accounted for by the fact that we expended no material on some of the largest and most profitable jobs we had. At our last annual meeting I mentioned that we intended to renew and extend our plant, and you will notice we have expended about \$800 in this way. For this we have made a net profit, which lights up our trading and earnings, and has enabled us to modernise our sawing tools and other plant which enables us to turn out a superior class of stock at lower cost than was formerly possible.

The Chairman then proposed:—That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by inserting therefrom the word "February" and substituting therefor the word "March."

Captain Burnie seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Maidland seconded, the adoption of the following resolutions:

That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words "Extra Reserve Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words "and Extra Reserve Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in the seventh line of the said Article.

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words "and subject to the provisions of Articles 121a and 121b" immo-

lately after the word "and" before the word "subject to the provisions of Articles 121a and 121b" in the fourth line of each Article.

That the following Article be inserted immediately after Article No. 121 and b-numbered Articles 121a and 121b.

121a.—Although the Reserve Fund

my amount to the sum of One

Million Dollars the Directors may

nevertheless at their discretion from time to time appropriate a portion, not exceeding ten per

cent of the net income and pro-

fits earned by the Company in any one year for the formation of a separate Reserve Fund, to be

known as "Extra Reserve Fund."

121b.—To a maximum standing at the

credit of the Extra Reserve Fund

may be applied for the equalisa-

tion of dividends, and such monies

as may be required to meet the

equilibration of dividends.

Mr Crawford said the action of the

Directors would have to be confirmed by the shareholders.

The Chairman said that was the usual

course.

Mr Thurnburn said—I beg to propose an amendment, and that is that the words "not exceeding ten per cent" be omitted.

The reasons for that are that I think the present reserve of a million is not available for the purpose of equalising dividends, and is caused by the change from Consulting Committee's to Directors' fees, but we hope

that in the future the Committee's fees

will be reduced.

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RESERVE FUND £275,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
" " 6 " 6 1/2
" " 3 " 2 1/2
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 340

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.
Corrected to Saturday, February 26, 1898,
At 1020 G.m per Dollar Mexican.

Chinese Names
Hight. Least
Cost. Cost.

Butcher Mat.

肉食

Bacon, English,	lb. 40	米路烟猪肉
" Am. Sugar cured,	320	花旗烟猪肉
" Foochow,	240	福州烟猪肉
" Japan, cured	—	日本烟猪肉
Beef, sirloin & prime cuttlets	100	尾龍乳
" Corned,	city 100	鹹牛肉
" Roast,	160	鹹牛頭
" Soup,	120	湯肉
" Steak,	100	牛肉起
Bidock's Brains,	pt set 50	牛腦
" Tongue fresh, each	360	牛舌
" corned	400	鹹牛舌
Head,	470	牛頭
Heart,	180	牛心
Hump, Salt costly	180	牛肩
Foot,	each 80	牛腳
Kidneys,	80	牛腰
Tail,	120	牛尾
Liver,	city 110	牛肝
Trips (undressed) costly	60	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet, set	670	牛仔頭腳
Blanc, American,	b. 320	化學火腿
" Chinese,	320	金華火腿
" English, New,	470	采打火腿
" Japan cured,	—	日本火腿
Shanghai,	240	上海火腿
Mutton Chop,	—	牛牌骨
" Leg,	200	牛批
Shoulder,	190	牛頭
Pigs' Chittings	catty 70	豬頭
" Foot,	130	豬頭
" Fry,	160	豬頭
Head,	each 30	豬頭
Heart,	50 40	豬心
Kidneys,	pair 70	豬腎
Liver,	lb. 160	豬肝
Pork, Chop,	catty 200	豬牌骨
" Corned,	100	豬頭
Leg,	180	豬頭
" Fat or Lard,	160	豬油
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	600	羊頭
" Heart,	each 70	羊心
Kidneys,	100	羊腎
Liver,	lb. 100 140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs,	each £1.70 £1.26	羊仔
Suet, Beef,	lb. 120	牛油
Mutton	180	生羊油
Veal,	catty 160	牛仔肉

Poultry.

生口

Chicken,	catty 240	雞仔
Capon,	230	雞母
Ducks,	150	鴨子
Doves,	each —	鳩
Eggs, Hen	doz. 120	雞蛋
" Duck,	160	鴨蛋
Powls,	catty 220	鴟
Gosse,	160	鵝
Hares,	each 450	兔
Wild Deer,	£2.50	鹿
Pigeons,	260	鴿
Partridges,	pair 900	雉
Pheasant,	brace 900	雉
Rice Birds,	doz. —	雀
Quail,	each 120	雉
Salp,	170	沙鷺
Turkey, Cook,	catty 370	火燶
" Hen,	500	火燶
Teal,	each 400	水鴨
Wild Ducks,	pair 760	上海水鴨

Fish.

海鮮

Barbel,	catty 160	鮑魚
Bream,	90	鯉魚
Bonito, Dried,	pieces 360	吞拿魚
Otter Fresh Water Fish,	catty 160	鰻魚
Carp,	100	鯉魚
Gatfish,	—	鰐魚
Goldfish, Salt,	120	金魚
Grabs,	140	鰐魚
Ottie Fish,	110	鰐魚
Dab,	0	鰐魚
Dace,	80	鰐魚
Dog Fish,	—	鰐魚
Nels, Congor,	—	鰐魚
" Fresh water,	180	鰐魚
Nels, Yellow,	120	鰐魚
Pike Fish,	—	鰐魚
Frog,	250	鰐魚
Fresh Fish,	110	鰐魚
Garonpa,	30	鰐魚
Hudgeson,	80	鰐魚
Huxnard,	100	鰐魚
Herrings,	14	鰐魚
" smoked	box —	鰐魚
Hallibut,	catty 150	鰐魚
Labrus,	18	鰐魚
Losh,	140	鰐魚
Lobsters,	180	鰐魚
Mackerel,	—	鰐魚
Monk Fish,	800	鰐魚
Mullet,	100	鰐魚
Oyster,	160	鰐魚
Parrotfish,	120	鰐魚
Porgy,	110	鰐魚

Pike,	catty —	花鮀
Pilao,	" —	凌魚
Pomfret, White	180	白鰓
Pomfret, Black	120	黑鰓
Prawns,	280	明珠
Ray,	300	鰐鰐
Rock Fish,	60	石狗公
Roach,	—	鰐魚
Salmon, (Canton),	200	監魚
Shark,	60	馬魚
Salt Fish,	100	鹹魚
Shate,	60	鮀魚
Shrimps,	100	蝦

Snapper,	250	立魚
Sole,	140	鰐沙魚
Tench,	120	鰐魚
Turbot,	100	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	360	鰐魚
Whiting,	catty 70	小魚
White Bait,	90	鰐魚仔

Fruits.

Apples, (California),	catty 100	蘋果
" (Tentan),	—	蘋果
" (Japan),	—	蘋果
Bananas, fragrant,	40	香蕉
" (brides),	20	香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	120	板栗
Carambola,	—	酸味
Cocoanuts,	each 70	椰子
Ground Nuts,	catty 100	花生
Grapes,	—	葡萄
Lemons, China,	100	檸檬
" Peel,	—	檸檬
Lichees, Dried,	750	荔枝
" Fresh,	—	荔枝
Limes,	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon),	each 70	芒果
" (Manilla),	—	芒果
Mangosteens,	dozen —	木瓜
Oranges, Sweet,	catty 40	橘子
" Green,	—	橘子
" Red,	—	橘子
Olive,	120	橄欖
Pine-apples,	each —	鳳梨
Pears,	catty 100	梨
" (Tientsin),	250	梨
Plum, Red,	—	梅子
Pumelo,	each 120	柚子
" (Siam),	catty 100	柚子
Raisins, Muscatel,	—	葡萄乾
" Pudding,	—	布丁
Water Chestnut, com.	40	水蓮
" Mandarin,	—	蜜柑
Walnuts,	—	核桃

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai,	catty 60	上海洋菜
Beans, (French),	100	四季豆
" Long,	—	四季豆
Beet Root,	each 30	紅薯
Brinjals, Green,	catty —	青椒
" Red,	—	紅椒
Brassica,	20	芥蘭
Bamboo Shoots,	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com.	80	卷心菜
Cabbage,	each 60	卷心菜
Cauliflower,	67	花椰菜
Carrots,	40	紅蘿蔔
Celeri, Chinese,	30	芹菜
" English,	40	芹菜
Chillies Dried,	100	辣椒
" Red,	130	辣椒
Curry Stew, English,	30	咖喱
Cucumbers,	90	青瓜
Bitter Squash,	—	苦瓜
Garlic,	40	蒜頭
Ginger, young,	40	姜
Horse Radish, S'hai,	110	芥末
Indian Corn,	piece —	玉米
Lettuce, (English),	each 10	生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty —	鮮蘑菇
Onions, Bombay,	100	洋蔥
" Green,	40	洋蔥
" Shanghai,	—	上海洋蔥
" Japan,	150	日本洋蔥
Okrus,	—	秋葵
Parsley, English,	bundle 10	香菜
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty 10	馬鈴薯
" Shanghai,	—	上海馬鈴薯
" Japan,	—	日本馬鈴薯
" American,	—	美國馬鈴薯
" Foochow,	30	福州馬鈴薯
" Maccou,	30	麥考馬鈴薯
Pumpkin,	20	南瓜
Purline,	6 4	洋芋
Papaw,	10	芭樂
Radish,	dozen 20	白蘿蔔
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" Common	—	米
Shalots,	catty 50	小頭
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Bank of China, Japan, Limited	1	80.	6	80.
preference shares	39,950	£	6	80.
ordinary	19,570	£	6	80.
deferred	1,250	£	1	125.5, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	...	10.	10.	97.5, sellers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Co., Ltd., 10,000	\$	250	5	\$150, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 34,000	\$	83.3	2	76.8
North China Insurance Co., Ltd., 5,000	2	100	2	100.
Strait Insurance Co., Ltd., 30,000	3	100	2	91.5, sellers
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FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 20,000	3	100	5	210.74
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 6,000	3	250	5	\$372.5, sellers
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H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 12,500	3	12.	all	233 1/2 prem. = \$418.75, ex div.
STEAMBOATS.				
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Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	5	50	85.5, buyers
HK. O. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd., 30,000	5	100	10	210, ex div., buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	2	10	60, sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.,	20,000	2	10	12.10, buyers
Do. (new issue)	20,000	4	12	12.25, buyers
BRITANNIA.				
China Sider Company, Limited	20,000	3	10	all 8174, sales
Luson Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	3	10	all 841, buyers
WAIVERS.				
BK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co., Wanchai Warehouses and Storage Company, Limited	20,000	3	50	all 585, ex div.
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and General Company, Limited	50,000	3	10	8 6/7, sales
Kowloon Building Co., Ltd.	10,000	3	10	8 6/7, ex div.
Do.	6,000	5	3	3 1/2, ex div.
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West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	3	50	8 1/2, 13.10, buyers
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MINING.				
Jeloba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd., 40,000	4	5	all	82 buyers.
New Paxton Mining Co., Ltd., 60,000	4	5	all	86.5, buyers
Preference shares	30,000	3	1	all 82.
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 18,000	3	5	50	86, sales
Societe Franchise des Utileurs-nages du Tonkin	52,000	3	50	8 1/2, 13.10, buyers
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 50,000	3	1	all	816, sales
Preference shares	75,000	3	1	all 81.90, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 200,000	2	10	13/10	82, buyers
Olivier Freehold Min. Co., Ltd., 15,000	5	50	5	810, sellers
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Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	3	72	810, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	3	50	810, ex div.
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